

Application No.: 09/837,550Docket No.: 30003036-4 USREMARKS

Independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended for clarity. Claims 4 and 16 have been amended to assure open ended coverage. Claims 32-35 are added to provide Applicants with the protection to which they are entitled. The subject matter of claims 32 and 33 is in the specification on page 13, line 27, while the subject matter of claims 34 and 35 is in the Abstract and page 13, line 29, of the specification.

The anticipation rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 16, 21, 23 and 31 based on Fano (U.S. Patent 6,317,718) is overcome by the present amendment. The list of malls set forth in col. 47, lines 44-46, of Fano does not meet the requirement of claim 1 for "selecting from multiple enquirer-independent functional significances...a functional significance" or the similar claim 21 requirement. The term "functional significance" is discussed on page 13, line 29 of Applicants' specification as:

The objective significance of a location is the function associated with that location...Typical functions are shop, shopping area (e.g., a mall), airport, motorway, road, etc.

The Abstract also helps to define "functional significances."

Based on the foregoing, the single functional category "shopping malls" of Fano does not meet the "functional significances" requirement of claims 1 and 21.

Fano does not include the requirement of claim 1 for "determining a geographical search parameter in dependence both on the enquiry-device location and its selected function or the similar limitation of claim 21.

Fano does not disclose the features of new claims 32-35.

Allowance is in order.

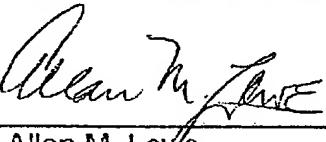
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